



MINUTES

RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, August 14, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Rep. Craig Hall, Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff

Members Absent:

Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Staff Present:

Andy Yewdell, Policy Analyst
Andrea Valenti Arthur, Associate General Counsel
Peter Asplund, Associate General Counsel
Leila Reynolds, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1 . Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Andy Yewdell gave an overview of bill files opened on behalf of the committee.

2 . Utah Retirement Systems Updates

[2A - URS Briefing - Preliminary Contribution Rates](#)

Daniel Anderson, Executive Director, Utah Retirement Systems (URS), gave a report on URS updates.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

3 . Public Safety and Firefighter Retirement Systems

[3A - URS Briefing - Cost Estimates](#)



Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems (URS), presented on the costs of moving all Public Safety and Firefighter retirement systems participants to the Tier I System.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

4 . Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority

[4A - OLRGC Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority Presentation](#)

Peter Asplund gave an overview of the history of the Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority and the process for transitioning the Authority to a private company.

[4B - Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority Briefing](#)

Mark Nelson, Executive Director, Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority, gave the Authority's position on transitioning to a private company.

The committee asked questions of Mark Nelson.

5 . LAG Audit Report #2019-13, A Performance Audit of PEHP's Pharmacy Benefit Manager

[5A - LAG Audit Report Presentation](#)

Benn Buys, Audit Manager, and Sarah Flanigan, Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented on the audit report, "A Performance Audit of PEHP's Pharmacy Benefit Manager."

[5B - PEHP Report - Audit](#)

Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP, presented PEHP's response to the audit report.

6 . PEHP Update on 2020 H.B. 272, "Pharmacy Benefit Amendments," and Other Legislative Changes

[6A - PEHP Report - Legislative Changes](#)

Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP, presented on legislative changes that have affected PEHP.

7 . PEHP's Migration to New Core IT System for July 2021

[7A - PEHP Report - New Core IT System](#)

Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP, presented on PEHP's migration to a new IT system.

8 . Sunset Review: Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot

[8A - Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Sunset Review Overview](#)

Andy Yewdell gave a brief overview of the sunset review.

[8B - PEHP Report - Sunset Review](#)

Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP, presented on how the pilot has worked from PEHP's perspective.



Senator Luz Escamilla, sponsor of the bill that created the pilot program, spoke on the matter.

The committee asked questions of Chet Loftis and Sen. Escamilla.

The chair opened the meeting to public comment.

Brenda Spearman, Director, Utah Infertility Resource Center, spoke on the matter.

Chair Hall explained the options available to the committee for moving forward.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to open a committee bill file to extend the pilot sunset date five years to Jan 1, 2027. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Birkeland
Sen. G. Davis
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. T. Seegmiller

9 . Recent Budget Changes

Akiko Kawamura, Administrator, Career Service Review Office, briefly spoke on budget changes.

The committee asked questions of Akiko Kawamura.

[10B - DHRM Presentation](#)

Paul Garver, Executive Director, Utah Department of Human Resource Management, gave a brief overview of budget changes.

[10C - PEHP Report - Budget Changes](#)

Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP, briefly spoke on budget changes.

[10D - UETN Sheets](#)

Lisa Kuhn, Chief Financial Officer, Utah Education and Telehealth Network, gave a brief overview of budget changes.

10 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Birkeland
Sen. G. Davis
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Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. K. Mayne
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Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-1

Rep. T. Seegmiller

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.